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SUBJECT: UNDP - GOVERNING COUNCIL - ITEM 7(B)

1. UNDP ADMINISTRATOR PETERSON (US) HAS PROPOSED REORGANIZATION AFRICA BUREAU. WHEREAS ENTIRE CONTINENT HAD BEEN UNDER DIRECTION M. DOO KINGUE (CAMEROON) , PROPOSAL IS TO CONFINE HIS RESPONSIBILITIES TO WEST AFRICA WITH HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK. EAST AFRICA AREA TO BE ASSIGNED TO BRUCE STEDMAN (US) WHO IS NOW REGIONAL REP AT ADDIS AND WHO WOULD CONTINUE IN RESIDENCE THERE IN NEW POSITION.
2. OPPOSITION NOW MOUNTING TO THIS PROPOSAL WITH LEADERSHIP BEING TAKEN BY DIALLO (UPPER VOLTA) AND OGBU (NIGERIAN PERMREP TO UN). THEY TAKE THE POSITION THAT AN AFRICAN NATIONAL IS BEING DOWNGRADED AND THAT THEY WISH ONE VOICE (DOO KINGUE) SPEAKING FOR AFRICA. USUN AWARE THAT THIS ARGUMENT FARCICAL SINCE ENGLISH SPEAKING AFRICANS NOT AT ALL HAPPY WITH VAST POWERS OVER THEIR PROGRAMS BEING EXERCISED BY POLITICALLY CUNNING FRENCH SPEAKING AFRICANS.
3. WE AND PETERSON UNDERSTAND THAT GENERAL GOWAN GAVE SUPPORT OF NIGERIA TO UNDP REORGANIZATION IN MEETING WITH MAURICE STRONG (UNEP) WITHIN PAST 10 DAYS. NEVERTHELESS OGBU LEADING OPPOSITION AND CREATING POTENTIALLY DIVISIVE

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AND DISRUPTIVE FORCE OF CONSIDERABLE CONSEQUENCES TO UNDP AND

TO US.

4. I REQUEST THAT DEPT AUTHORZE AMBASSADOR EEINHARDT
MAKE URGENT REPRESENTATIONS AS DEEMED NECESSARY TO INSURE
THAT MANAGEMENT EFFECTIVENESS RATHER THAN POLITICS PRE-
VAIL. GRINGG, MISOFF LAGOS, THOROUGHLY FAMILIAR WITH
POLITICAL BACKGROUND THIS MATTER.

5. REQUEST ACTION AND REPLY PRIORITY SINCE ISSUE WILL SURFACE
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